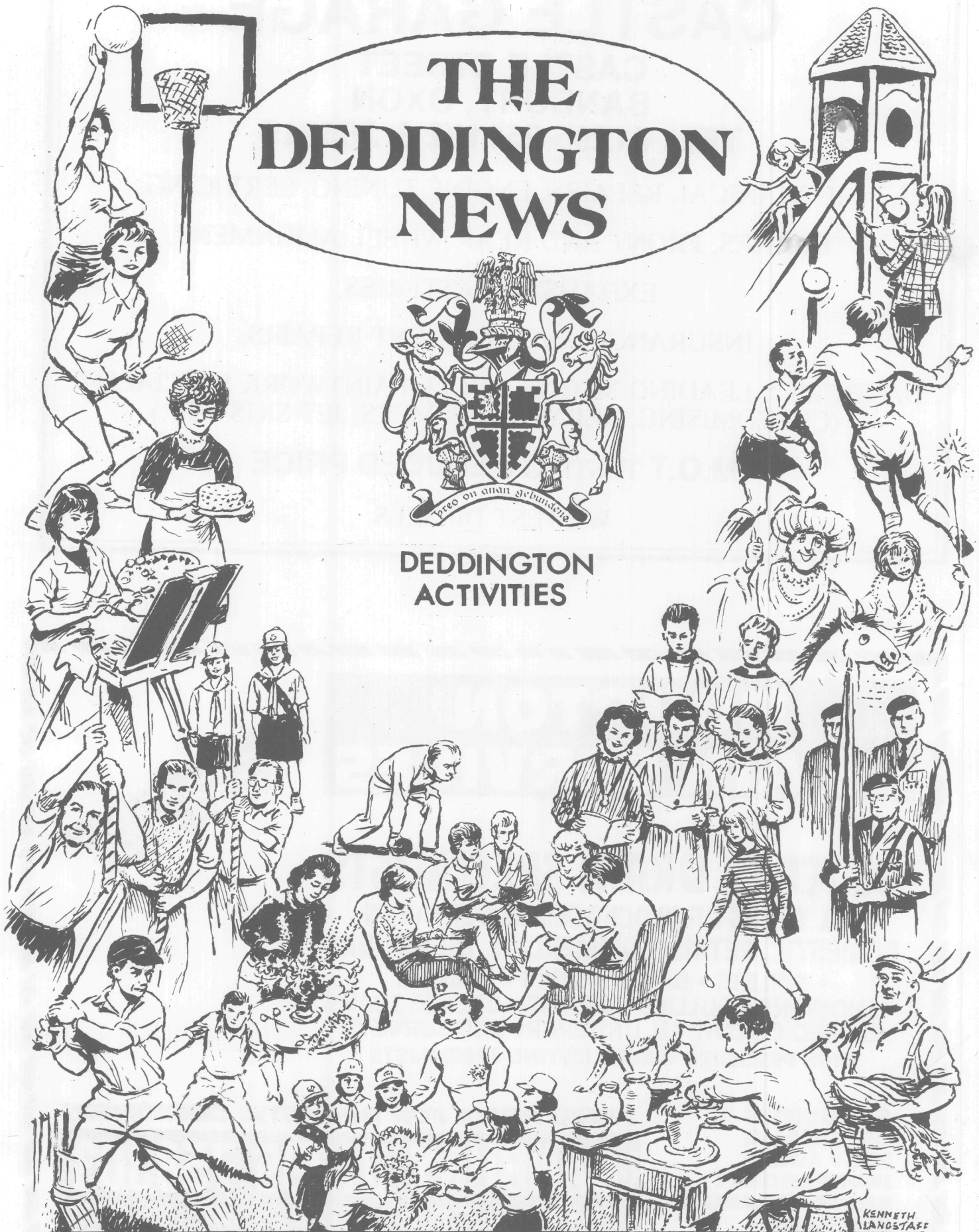


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EDITORIAL

We're not quite there but the goal's in sight (p.3)! Many thanks to those beyond the parish boundaries who are supporting the proposed new wood. My thanks to two members of the DN team - Molly Neild and Jo Mace - for agreeing to enliven some of our regular headings with a few masterly strokes of their pens. There are more to come. And **profound apologies to the Deddington Dental Practice** for errors in their ad., alas pre-printed through to July. Please note and retain the correction on p.14. As usual, there's a lot going on and help and/or support needed in all sorts of ways: for the proposed Day Care Scheme (p.6), Fire Service (pp. 8 & 13), Church kneelers (p.13), school hall (p.4), London Marathon charity run (p.8). Waste paper hoarders please note p.7, and if you are a Deddington Contact of any kind, p.12. But are Deddington's children turning into couch potatoes (p.11)? The Community Forum on 5 March (p.11) is a local government move which should have every encouragement; just hope the late notice doesn't result in a damp squib. The Rural Forum (p.3), also 5 March, should be interesting too. See you there?

Sylvie Spenceley

MARCH DIARY

Fri	1	Carers' Drop - In, Deddington Surgery 2 - 4pm.
Fri	1	Oxfordshire Touring Theatre: 'A Dickens of a Tale', Windmill Centre, 7.30pm.
Tu	5	Rural Care Forum, Windmill Centre 2 - 4pm. (p 3)
Tu	5	Community Forum, Steeple Aston Village Hall, 7.30pm. (p 11)
Wed	6	Neighbourhood Watch Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm.
Wed	6	Bowls Club Quiz Night, British Legion, 7.30pm.
Fri	8	Cricket Club Quiz Evening, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm.
Sat	9	British Legion: Karioke.
Tu	12	WI: Annual Meeting, Holly Tree, 7.30pm.
Wed	13	U3A: Mr George Spenceley, Return to Romania, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.
Wed	13	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm.
Sat	16	PTA: Quiz Night, Windmill Centre. (p 4)
Tu	19	COPY DATE FOR APRIL DEDDINGTON NEWS.
Fri	22	British Legion: Folk Music.
Sat	23	British Legion: Moosehead.
Sat	23	Concert by The Adderbury Ensemble, Parish Church, 7.30pm. (p 13)
Wed	27	U3A: Mr Chris Bond, An Entertaining Afternoon, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.
Wed	27	Bowls Club Pre-season General Meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm.
Th	28	Deddington Day Care Centre Open Day, Windmill Centre, 12-2pm. (p 6)

APRIL DIARY

Wed	3	Bowls Club Quiz Night, British Legion, 7.30pm.
Sat	6	British Legion; Backbeat.
Tu	9	WI: "Preparing For Summer", Mrs "Mac" Grundy, Holly Tree, 7.30pm.
Wed	10	U3A: Mrs G Howard, Childhood In Nazi Germany, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.
Wed	17	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm.
Th	18	Windmill Centre AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm.
Sat	20	Cricket Club Race Evening, British Legion.
Tu	23	COPY DATE FOR MAY DEDDINGTON NEWS
Wed	24	U3A: Mr Geoff Todd, Barrel Organs, Windmill Centre, 2.30pm.
Th	25	Deddington Gardeners: Outing to Wisley. (p 9)
Sat	27	British Legion: Night Shift.

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes on Meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, 21 February attended by Cllrs Todd (chair), Brewer, Clarke, Clinch, Colley, Drake, Flux, Hill and Lee. Apologies: Cllrs Fisher, Stevens, Cosgrove, Swash, Dist Cllr O'Sullivan and Coun Cllr Matthews. Cllr Todd thanked Pauline Farley for stepping in at short notice for the Clerk, who is recovering from a hip operation.

VILLAGE POLICEMAN: Before the meeting opened formally the Chairman introduced and welcomed Police Constable Bob Donohue, who is the new Area Beat Officer for the Parish. Pc Donohue has been a policeman for 22 years and took over responsibility for policing the 10 villages in his patch from Pc Dave Keats, who recently retired. Bob explained that the emphasis on policing is changing, with a return to some of the old ways with officers on the beat listening to what people want. He said recorded crimes in Deddington last year totalled 72, in Clifton there were four and in Hempton there was just one. About half of all crimes were thefts of or from cars and police have identified about a dozen likely offenders from Banbury, Gloucestershire and Oxford. He is hoping to get Neighbourhood Watch established in the Parish and said that if people want to contact him they should ring 01865 266615 (or 999 if the call is urgent).

WOODLAND TRUST UPDATE: Cllr Flux reported the total raised to date is about £3,400, including £1,100 which has been covenanted: two other charities may also make donations. Letters from Sylvie Spenceley and Mr Herring, the vendor of the land which has been earmarked for the new woodland, urged support for the project. Mr Herring said he is concerned about destruction of ancient hedges and indiscriminate building of farm structures whereas woodland would enhance the landscape and be good for flora and fauna. He added that he hoped the PC would support and contribute to the project, which was for the enjoyment of future generations. The Parish Council agreed to confirm its previously stated views on the project.

PUBLIC TOILETS: Cllr Miss Hill reported on the provision of public toilets in the village centre. Cllrs agreed to investigate the possibility of upgrading the existing toilet at the Town Hall and opening it to the public on a trial basis, before committing themselves to building separate facilities.

REPAIRS TO CHURCH CLOCK AND TOWN HALL: Two estimates for work on the clock have been received. Cllr Mrs Brewer will make a recommendation to the next PC meeting, once members of the Environment sub-committee have studied the complex figures. Two estimates have also been received for work on the Town Hall roof, north elevation, brickwork and electrics but both companies will be asked for their proposed start and finish dates before a decision is made on awarding the contract. Both will also be asked for estimates for carrying out the work on the Town Hall toilet.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION: Parish Council is seeking the views of villagers in Clifton and Hempton on whether they would like to enter the small village class of this year's competition, for which Deddington would enter the medium village class. The entry fee is £10 for each village.

RECREATION & GRANTS: 1. Cllr Drake said the three play areas at the Windmill Centre and Clifton should be inspected yearly by RoSPA to keep them legal and to comply with terms of insurance. PC agreed to set aside £4.50 per site plus £1.50 per item of equipment to pay for the inspection. 2. The 1996 Summer Playscheme hopes to expand to cater for 60 children this year. It has been highly successful over the past two years and the PC agreed to underwrite this year's Scheme in the sum of £100 subject to sight of the accounts. 3. Cllrs were keen to support the new Day Care Centre at the Windmill, for up to 15 frail and elderly people one day a week. A hot meal will be provided and the scheme will be staffed by volunteers under the auspices of Social Services. PC to grant up to £1,000 towards the setting-up costs of the scheme.

ENVIRONMENT: 1. Cllr Mrs Brewer announced details of the ceremony on Leap Day to bury the Deddington Business Time Capsule beneath a flagstone under the Town Hall. PC to contribute a Deddington Guide, the February 1996 edition of Deddington News and the village page from the Banbury Guardian. All proceeds will go to Katharine House Hospice and Cllrs agreed unanimously to pay the required contribution of £30. 2. OCC has stated it is not prepared to accept PC's offer of a loan to pay for upgrading works on Clifton Road footpath and Cllr Mrs Brewer will now apply for a grant from the EC. She will write to the Euro MP, Mr Charles Elles and explain that Clifton is cut off from shops and local services because of an unusable footpath. Cllr Todd wants Clifton residents to step up their pressure on OCC. 3. OCC say the final top surface of the footpath in High Street/New Street will be laid after the frosts, in May. 4. Cllrs Hill and Brewer to complete a questionnaire on the Environment Strategy which is being presented at the Rio Summit. 5. Three grit bins to be provided at Deddington, Clifton and Windmill at revised cost of £110 per bin, to include salt, grit and maintenance. Windmill to pay PC for theirs.

PLANNING: 1. Applicants appealing against planning refusal for bungalow in Chapman's Lane. PC to confirm its objections to the appeal hearing. 2. PC to uphold the condition that required Johnson's Yard to demolish old storage building on completion of new office block. The company wants the condition lifted but the PC says the old building is an "eyesore in the conservation area." 3. No objections to application to extend Health Centre to provide extra treatment and consulting room. 4. CDC has refused application for house at Clifton Mill.

WINDMILL: Cllr Flux reported that 11 user-groups attended a "helpful and friendly" meeting on 8 February. They agreed to hold another Open Day on 27 May and the AGM will be at 7.30pm on 18 April.

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL continued

PC FUNDS: £450,000 at 6.7%, £115,000 at 5.8125%, £8,110 at 3.625% and £7.911 overnight at 3%. Total funds: £581,021.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1. CDC's travel pass and token scheme leaflet should have been delivered to every household. Copies are available from the Clerk's office. 2. PC to contribute £36 to the Royal British Legion's 75th Anniversary chain of poppies in August. 3. Letter from Cherwell Valley Parishes asking for contribution towards legal representation to fight plans for developing Upper Heyford Air Base. PC declined to make a contribution, despite Cllr Miss Hill's comment that Deddington may one day have a similar problem with the air bases at Barford and Croughton.

MEETING CLOSED at 10pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 13 March at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

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The PC would like to hear your views. For more information please get in touch with PC Councillor Mrs Gay Brewer on 338097 or write to her at 2A Philcote Street, Deddington.

STOP PRESS: UPDATE ON WOODLAND TRUST UPDATE!

Since the PC Meeting (p.2) additional pledges received, together with those made direct to the Trust's Local Fund Raising Officer Stephen Webb, bring the total to well over £5000. Plus there is great news that WWF-UK are generously considering making a grant. Plus WWF-UK's Banbury supporters' group have expressed interest in local fund raising (THANKS!).

So, we're well on the way. But if, at this eleventh hour, you haven't already sent in a pledge and want to give something back to our local countryside for Deddington's next generations, please do it **NOW!** (If you've lost your form let me know.)
Sylvie Spenceley (338995)



RURAL CARE FORUM is convened by Oxon. Rural Community Council, Oxon. Health and Oxon. Social Services. It meets three times a year and anyone with an interest in rural Oxfordshire is welcome to attend. The speaker at Tuesday, 5 March meeting (Windmill Centre, 2-4 pm) will be Ian Davies from Cherwell District Council (who are making a generous contribution to 'our' above wood) talking about the Council's rural strategy: an opportunity for enlightenment and discussion.

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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

The snows of early February caused a lot of excitement but fortunately it was not necessary to close the school. This term our older children have been studying our locality and comparing it with central Banbury. They have written letters to children at Dashwood Primary and made a couple of visits to this urban school. The younger children have been learning about "special clothes" and enjoyed visits from P.C. Donohue and a firefighter. We are now accepting applications for admission for the Spring and Summer Terms 1997 for children who will be 5 between January and August next year. Please get in touch if you would like details and the relevant form. **Peter Goringe (338430)**



. . . and from the P. T. A

Quiz Night, Windmill Centre, Sat. 16 March I'm sure you are all aware that the fund-raising work of Parent Teacher Associations within schools has become increasingly important. Deddington School is no exception and this year we have been asked to fund a part-time teacher for a term, thus wiping out PTA funds destined towards refurbishing the school hall and replacing archaic gym equipment. Rather than abandon this project, which will also benefit local clubs and societies using the facilities, we have decided to forge ahead, ear-marking all funds raised at this Quiz Night for this purpose. We are optimistic that parents and you, the local community, will support us in this. Already local businesses have donated prizes for a special raffle*, the draw taking place during Quiz Night. We are inviting clubs, societies or groups of friends (**Ed.note:** the DN will be there!) to enter a team: no restriction on team size but we do ask each team to kindly donate a raffle prize appropriate to its size. A shield and champagne will be presented to the winning team. Licensed bar from 7.-11.30 pm; tickets £3.50 per person (available from school or call me) to include supper. **Please support us.**

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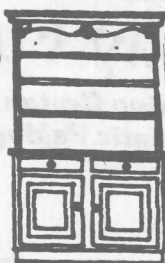
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March Services (*Parish Church*).

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Wed 6 10am Holy Communion.

Thu 7 3.30pm Holy Communion at St Anne's Home Clifton.

Sun 10 10.30am Sung Eucharist. Special Preacher: Prof Basil Mitchell (Emeritus Professor of Moral Philosophy, Oxford) on "Moral Issues".

Wed 13 10am Holy Communion. 11.30am Holy Communion in Featherton House.

Sun 17 MOTHERING SUNDAY 8am Holy Communion (BCP).

10.30am Family Communion with distribution of posies to mothers. There will be presentations by children of Children's Church and Deddington Primary School.

Wed 20 10am Holy Communion.

Sun 24 Sung Mattins. Special Preacher: Rev Dr John Muddiman (Fellow of Mansfield College, Oxford) on "Environmentalism".

Wed 27 10am Holy Communion and Healing Service.

Sun 31 PALM SUNDAY 10.30am Family Communion. Procession in church led by donkey. Distribution and blessing of palms. Dramatic reading of the Passion story.

March Services (*St John, Hempton*).

Sun 3 & 17 9am Eucharist.

Sun 24 6pm Evensong.

Children's Church and Church Junior Club will meet in Church on 17 and 31 March for the Family Communion Services. On other Sundays (3, 10 and 24 March) they will meet in Deddington C of E Primary School at 10.15am. Any other children who would like to attend will be welcome.

Youth Fellowship (Over 12 years) Sun 3 March 7.30pm Discussion about "Complementary Medicine: What can it do for You?" in 16, Broad Close, Barford St Michael. Sat 16 March 9.30pm. Visit to Bloxham School for a Lent Vigil, a multi-media presentation for young people in the deanery. There will be a trip to Exmoor 29-31 March for walking, boating, pony trekking and Palm Sunday Worship. Further details from Rev Dr Edmund Newell.

New Electoral Roll - reminder that it is necessary to complete an application form (in Church or from Angela Sones, 14 St John's Way, Tel 338027 to whom it should be returned). You must be a member of the C of E, over 16 years and either resident in the Parish or regularly attend services here.

"Thought for the Day" Radio Oxford, approx. 7.56am each morning. On Thursdays in March these short talks will be given by the Vicar.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

BAPTISM: 28 January in Hempton Church JOSEPH THOMAS FAIRBAIRN.

FUNERAL: 21 February in Deddington MILDRED ROWLEY, aged 75 years.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND INTERMENT OF ASHES: 30 January in Deddington KATHLEEN PARKER, aged 79 years.

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24 March - Mr Harold Puttick. 31 March - Pastor Cliff Jordan.

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INTER-CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

Monday 4 March at 7.45pm - Ecumenical Prayer Group in the Wesleyan Reform Church. Four Ecumenical Lent Groups are meeting once a week until Easter. If you would like to join in, please contact Pastor Issy Walton (337157) or the Vicar for details.

The Quiet Garden Trust. Frank and Elizabeth Tothill are starting a "Quiet Garden" at Grove House, High St, after Easter. This is to provide a quiet space for prayer and meditation on a few Saturdays during the summer. If you are interested in this idea, please contact them on 338186.

TRIBUTES.

KATHLEEN PARKER, aged 79 years.

Kathleen was born in Madley, Herefordshire. In her early years she played hockey for her county and later for the ATS, in which she served during the last war. After the war she married Gilbert Parker and they came to live and work at College Farm in Hempton. They had two sons, Derek and Bryan with whom she continued to manage the farm after Gilbert died in 1969. She took a keen interest in following the Heythrop Hunt and assisted for many years in the organisation of the Hunt Supporters' Club. Her interest in other sports continued and she was an enthusiastic gardener. We extend our sympathy to Derek and Bryan.

KEN REEVES.

MILDRED ROWLEY, aged 75 years.

Millie was born and grew up in the north east of England. After entering domestic service as a girl and working in a munitions factory during the war, she ran a successful transport cafe at Silverdale, near Stoke on Trent, for eighteen years. She moved to Deddington eleven years ago following the death of her husband, Desmond. In her time here, Millie played an active part in community life and made many friends. She will be sadly missed by many, not least by those she would meet and chat to cheerfully when out walking her dog, Sebby. We extend our deepest sympathy to Pat, Ian and family.

EDMUND NEWELL.

DEDDINGTON DAY CARE

As announced in last month's DN, a **Day Care Scheme** for the elderly is being organised; we can report that the project has now been funded by the Social Services and a Service Agreement set up. This means preparations can be made for the starting of the group.

There will be an open day at the Windmill Centre on Thursday, 28 March from 12-2pm, for anyone who is interested. Mrs Jenny Fernbank from Social Services and the Day Care Co-ordinator will be there. We are looking for volunteers who are able to give a little time on a rota basis, whether only an hour a month or several hours each week. Volunteers are needed for driving the elderly to and from the Centre (for which a petrol allowance will be paid) as well as helping at the Windmill Centre on a Thursday, with the support of the Co-ordinator.

If you are interested in being a volunteer please come along, and if you believe you know of someone who would benefit from the Day Care Scheme, please telephone any of the following:

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With Spring just around the corner (I hope) some early Spring flowers are out in bloom. Snowdrops in the garden, primroses in the churchyard and catkins in the wood. Most of our resident birds have staked out their territory ready for the next breeding season. The workshop robin is defending his old site with vigour and sits on the beam above the work bench singing along with classic FM.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG



FROM PAM DESYLLAS, HORSEFAIR, DEDDINGTON

As a parent whose three children have benefitted not only from their excellent education at Deddington School, but from continued education in Oxfordshire, I feel disappointed in the response from Deddington to the present round of proposed cuts in education.

As an employee of Deddington School I had to seek permission to lobby the County Councillors on Tuesday, 13 February. Sadly I did not see one face I recognised from Deddington. If you feel anything about our children's education and you do nothing to try to halt the slashing of funds, please do not then come to the school complaining about standards. I know that the staff are often bending over backwards to do the best for our children with ever decreasing resources. The problem lies not with the school but with central and county funding and that is where we must start to bring pressure to bear, otherwise the repercussions will follow all children through their 'education' life.

I don't want to see funds to Deddington School or any other school in Oxfordshire cut, even though my children are no longer in the system. If you feel you can't stand up to be counted then at least put pen to paper and tell the government, your local MP and County Councillor how you feel. The situation is not going to go away and it will affect your children!

FROM DEE & MICK HAILEY, 7 HUDSON STREET, DEDDINGTON (tel. 338942)

Would fellow Deddingtonians consider sponsoring us in the London Marathon on April 21? We are running to raise money for the NSPCC and are asking both businesses and residents to support us. The NSPCC is a comparatively underfunded charity but a very worthwhile cause, and one which is close to our hearts.

Help would also be welcome for a door-to-door collection for the lifeboats during RNLI fortnight, April 7-21. **Many** thanks.

(Ed.note. Dee Hailey told us she hadn't appreciated how extensive Deddington is until last year's collection... Such energy, and both causes, deserve as much support as we can give.)

FROM PAUL & SONIA BROADGATE, 'GOOSE GREEN, DEDDINGTON

A sincere Thank You to the Deddington Fire Service for responding so rapidly to our chimney fire, and to their colleagues from Banbury who attended in support. It was rather humbling that it took this event to remind us just how important and valuable a resource the Deddington Fire Service is to the village. Had our incident been more severe, and had there been no facility for a local response the outcome could have been really serious.

We hope the recent recruiting drive continues to encourage people to the Service.

FROM JOHN NEILD, PHILCOTE STREET, DEDDINGTON

Recently, on noticing thick black smoke pouring from a neighbour's chimney, we sent for the Fire Engine. In exactly six minutes from the time of the call we saw the engine arrive. But because of the lack of personnel, Banbury Fire Service had to provide a back-up. It was an illustration of Albert Humphries' frequent warnings in this magazine: currently there is a crew of only five retained firemen and because of this the possibility of the local Fire Service being closed down.

FROM PETER FLOOD, SAUDI ARABIA

I should like to thank all those who helped my wife and stepson during the illness of my father-in-law Fred Deely. Thanks in particular to those who realised that all was not well and enabled Neil to contact us, thereby allowing me to get Cynthia home where she could help Neil and be with her father when he needed her.

FROM CYNTHIA FLOOD & NEIL GARVEY, CASTLE STREET

Our thanks to all who helped us during Fred Deely's illness, telephoned and visited him during his recovery period at Adderbury. Our special thanks to Janice and Colin Reason, Andrew Jones, Bill Drake, Dorothy Lines, David Abel and Stephen English who helped ease this difficult period for us. Fred is now back home and would be pleased to see anyone who would like to visit him. Thanks also to Deddington Health Centre and the staff at Lake House, Adderbury.

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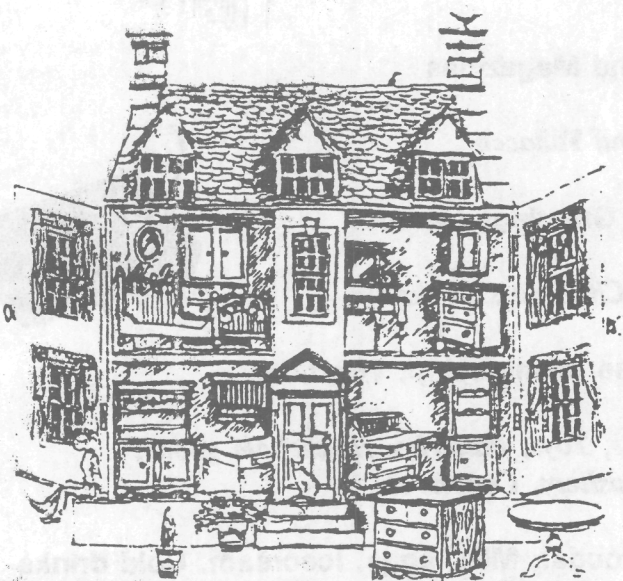
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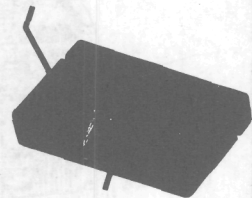
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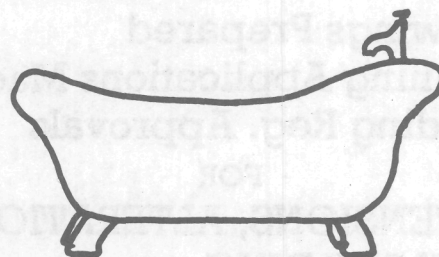


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DEDDINGTON GUIDES

A visit from Reg Tipping and his colleagues from the Oxon Bat Protection Group held us captivated for two hours. We learnt so much about bats - it was fascinating. The guides also had a chance to take part in quizzes, try their hands at bat-crafts and get to know some real bats. Our thanks and support to the group; we never realised the work involved in protecting these amazing animals.

International activities have kept us busy since then. This is the time of year when we traditionally think of other Guides and Girlscouts around the world and try to learn a little about their lives. Hazel Neal, an ex-Deddington guide, gave a super talk about a visit to India as a Ranger, and there was a chance to dress in traditional costumes and sample a variety of foods from the country. It was a most interesting evening and our thanks go to her for giving up so much time and helping with badge work.

Our other main project has been adapting the story of Robin Hood for a theatrical production of our own. Don't miss it....coming soon....an evening of unique entertainment, and a good cause too!

MAGGIE RAMPLEY, GUIDER, 01295 810069

DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB

1996 got off to a good start with a well attended and lively meeting on Burns Night when the new committee reported back and consulted members on the future of the Club. Chief concern was over the maintenance of the green and it was decided that the established practice of using volunteer members with professional supervision would be supplemented by hiring help locally to carry out the routine tasks (see separate advertisement). The green has been receiving expert attention throughout the winter to ensure a good playing surface for the season which begins towards the end of April. Several events are under way before then however. Two 4-rink indoor matches have been played against Middle Barton at the Woodgreen Centre in Banbury where many of our members "overwinter". The first of these on 27 January resulted in a convincing victory for Deddington Beeches; the second on 17 February was an honourable draw. On the social side there will be club quiz nights at the Royal British Legion at 7.30pm on Wednesdays 6 March and 3 April. The pre-season general meeting is on Wednesday 27 March, 7.30pm, at the Windmill Centre. JOHN CLIFFORD, HON SEC, 340564

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A dull January day was brightened by Mrs Mary Aldridge's talk entitled 'A Taste of Cumbria'. With the aid of some excellent slides, amusing anecdotes, as well as some actual tastes - Kendal Mint-cake and Cumberland Sausage - she inspired many to visit the district later in the year. The playreading group performed 'What Brutes Men Are' on Valentine's Day. The audience enjoyed it immensely, though not all agreed with the sentiments. Other Valentine contributions rounded off the afternoon, and all enjoyed Angela's special cake. We guarantee a warm welcome to Deddington residents of retirement status. Why not come and join us? Details of the programme for March and April will be found in the Diary.

PAT BRITTAIN 338685

DEDDINGTON WI

Our auction usually takes place in January but as that month had seen members celebrating the Institute's 70th anniversary, we had arranged the auction for February. The night turned out to be bitterly cold and uncertain underfoot so it was not really surprising that there were several apologies to record. However items brought along were interesting, bidding was brisk and a very fair sum was raised.

A quiz organised by Thelma Dover kept us all perfectly quiet for 15 minutes. The winner, Majorie Bennett, received a large basket of delicious fruit. Refreshments were served by Barbara Lee and Ellen Cresswell. Our next meeting, on Tuesday 12 March, will be our annual meeting.

RENE MAHONY 338438

YOUTH CLUB

The Club continues to thrive, with over 40 youngsters at each attendance. The committee are very grateful for the enthusiastic parents who come along and help with the rota. We meet each Monday evening at the Windmill Centre, 7.30-9.30pm. Newcomers to the village will be welcome. Further details from

LES LANE, CHAIRMAN, 338900

CALLING ALL CLUBS continued

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Saturday Side Results

Bishops Itchington Res (h) Lost 4-5 aet M Smethurst, C Doggett,
(Guardian Cup) A Shepherd, M Doggett
Cropredy Res (h) Won 6-1 M Doggett(2), C Doggett(2),
(Supplementary Cup) A Shepherd, C Milner
Shipston Res (a) Won 5-0 M Doggett(2), M Hewitt(2), A Shepherd

The Saturday side have had a pretty good month, winning 2 and losing just the once. In these 3 matches 15 goals have been scored. Mark Doggett has scored 5 of them on his own. The team still remain top of their division, thanks to an emphatic victory at Shipston Res, where the leading scorer, Michael Hewitt, scored 2 of the goals to take his personal tally to 37. In the Supplementary Cup, Cropredy Res were easily beaten 6-1, Craig Milner scoring 1 of the goals.

Sunday 1st Team Results

Horton Sports (Reg Adkins Trophy) (a) Lost 1-2 aet A Shepherd
Rylands (h) Lost 0-1

Two narrow defeats for the Sunday side, the first coming against Horton Sports in the Reg Adkins Trophy. Andy Shepherd scored the goal, but Deddington unfortunately lost 1-2 in extra time. Deddington are no longer top of their division following the defeat against arch rivals Rylands. Greg Shawyer is the leading goal scorer with 20 goals.

Sunday Reserve Side Results

Byfield (h) Lost 2-4 L Hayward(2)
Horton Sports Res (Reserve Cup) (h) Drew 2-2 A Shepherd, G Pinfold

Just 2 matches played in the last month for the Sunday reserve side. A draw was achieved against Horton Sports Reserves in the Reserve Cup, Gary Pinfold scoring one of the goals. Lee Hayward scored both the goals in the league defeat against Byfield. He is the leading scorer with 5 goals.

STEVE PLUMBE 338512

DEDDINGTON ORIGINAL GOLF SOCIETY - "DOGS"

DOGS was formed in the Autumn of 1994, and we have completed our first season in grand style. Our first event was a fundraising evening in the Royal British Legion in April 1995. Our first golf day was at Chipping Norton, a never to be forgotten baptism - it did not just rain, it chucked it down all day. Nevertheless, everyone had a great time, and the Pro shop said they had never sold so much wet gear, shoes and accessories. Two other Days followed: Witney (where we hold the après-golf drinking record "by a mile" according to the owner), and Leamington & County, a really super venue.

Last October we held our first DOGS Dinner & Dance at the new Club House at Chesterton GC. The evening was a tremendous success. Over 100 members and guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves dining, and then dancing to a great Group, plus Steve's Disco.

The programme for 1996 is already well formulated, with 4 golf venues: Chacombe, Witney (where we intend to break our record), Leamington, and Broadway. Our 1996 Dinner/Dance will be in the splendid new Banqueting facility at North Oxon College on 19 October, dancing to *SPECIAL BLEND*.

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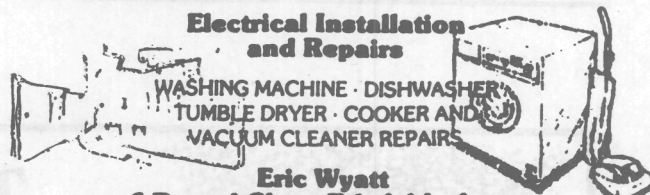
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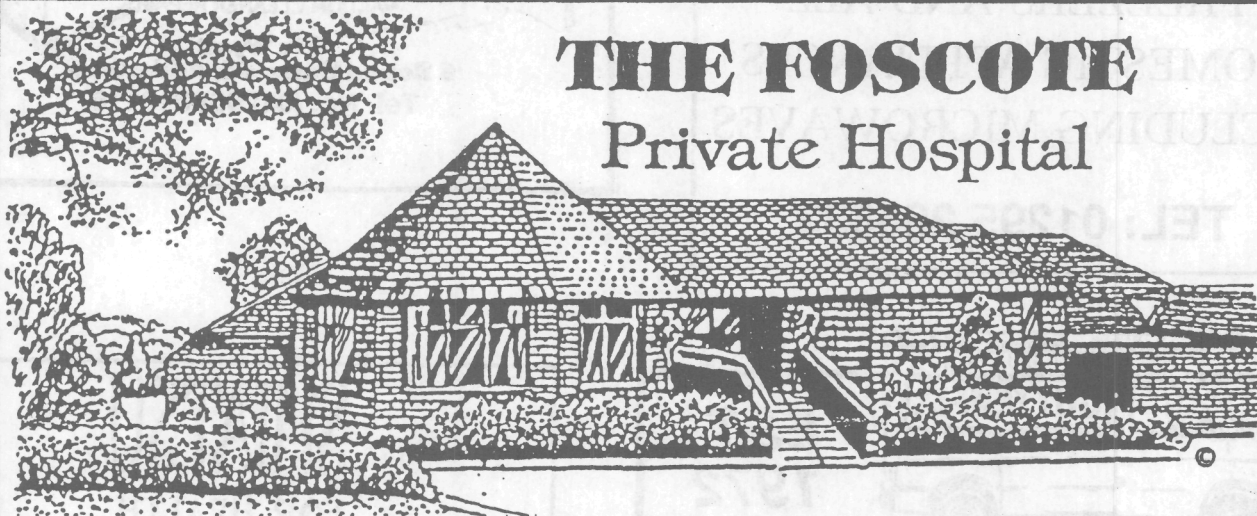
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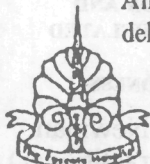


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Hands up those who think their local council don't understand what people really need! Cherwell District Council are throwing out the challenge "Let's talk"! Have you read their recently published document "Towards a Community Plan", setting out what they are doing at present, and asking for your help in deciding where to focus in the future? Six community meetings around the District are being arranged to provide an open forum for your views. There's a questionnaire and you may be contacted in a telephone survey. And they promise to listen! They say "Good governance requires good citizenship, which does not mean turning out once a year and doing nothing in between... It's about taking an interest in your community, and being prepared to speak out." Hear, Hear! **Steeple Aston Village Hall** is the venue for the central part of the district on 5 March at 7.30 pm, but you're welcome at any of the others, also starting at 7.30 pm: **Arncott Village Hall, 6 March; Wroxton Village Hall 7 March; Exeter Hall, Kidlington 8 March; Town Hall, Banbury 21 March; Bicester & Ploughley Sports Centre, 4 April.** If you have difficulty with transport ring 01295-252535, Ext. 4102.

A LETTER FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

My recent 'In Touch' news sheet delivered just prior to Christmas incorporated a questionnaire from which I hoped I may gather information on some of the local issues of importance to you. I was pleasantly surprised to receive 36 replies with your comments, and would like to thank all who kindly took the trouble.

Sites for Housing The question was: Which Option of the four County Strategies do you favour - (i) Maintenance of current "Country Towns" strategy (ii) New Settlement at Upper Heyford (iii) Creation of "Rail Corridors" (iv) Dispersal to smaller towns. Your replies were as follows: (i) 16 votes (ii) 2 votes (iii) 14 votes (iv) 4 votes.

Of the **local issues** that concerned you most, listed below in brackets are your priorities: bus services (5), council housing (1), safer play areas (-), litter (1), council tax levels (9), better car parking facilities (9), local job prospects (10), improved street lighting (1)

Other comments received and noted concerned: no more housing in Deddington or Barford apart from houses for first-time buyers; the increase in petty crime and dog fouling, and the amount of heavy traffic through the centre of Deddington. This information is from a small number of people, but it may give an indication of preferences. I will pass it to the appropriate authorities. **Paul O'Sullivan**

... AND NEWS FROM OUR WINDMILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

On 8 February the Windmill Committee met with representatives of the Users. In all 11 groups were present. The recent developments and improvements were reviewed and a number of suggested improvements were made. These have since been discussed by the Windmill Committee and appropriate action is planned. There was unanimous agreement we should hold another "Open Day" on Monday, 27 May. Clubs and Organisations are welcome to participate with a stall (for fund-raising) or in any other way. Please contact Joyce Minnear with your ideas. We will be arranging for a variety of "attractions" to entertain children of all ages. The Windmill AGM will be held on 18 April at 7.30 pm in the Windmill.

Friday 23 Feb. saw a group of young children and some adults (around 50 in all) enjoying a delightful puppet show 'Go Noah Go' performed by two very talented actors from the Little Angel Theatre. This was part of Cherwell DC's programme for Village and Community halls and was arranged by the Deddington Players. Sadly two other events organised for half term week were virtually ignored by the children in the village. A Storytelling workshop was enjoyed by just 4 children and a wonderful Music Making Workshop sent just two children home glowing with enthusiasm. Two further events under this programme are 'A Dicken's of a Tale' with the well known actor Freddie Jones on 1 March at the Windmill, and a return of the Adderbury Ensemble in the Parish Church on 23 March, both at 7.30 pm. Do support these events so CDC will continue the programme in future. **Jim Flux (338153)**

GARDENING NOTES

Our gardening series gets off to a seasonal start with some tips from two of our local enthusiasts.

First, from **OLIVER HAWES**.... A cheap way to provide yourself with cloches is to take a plastic one-litre bottle, preferably green though white will do. Cut off the bottom and place the bottle over your seedling plants. Remove the stopper to let the air circulate. You can water your plants without removing the cloche. After use the cloches can be strung between posts; hang them by the neck using a clove hitch. If the posts are sited in the soft fruit bed, the cloches act as bird scarers.



And from **MARIANNE ELSLEY**.... The last week in March is my time for pruning hybrid tea roses: not a day before; not a day later. I know that there are all sorts of views on this and all sorts of methods including putting the hedge cutter over them. But I stick to my timing. First cut out all dead wood, then the spindly thin bits. Cut out the really old wood from the bottom and then cut down what is left by about two thirds to a healthy outward pointing bud. When pruning an old plant it is a good idea to take out one in three of the old shoots each year. This is also the time for putting manure, compost or fertiliser on the perennial beds. Growmore will scorch new shoots, so don't wait too long.

We're delighted that **Oliver Hawes** has agreed to be the DN'S first Gardening Correspondent. Let us know if you have any tips of your own to add...

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Please do not forget the 'Plants and Pennies' event to be held on 11 May. The organisers hope that supporters will provide any spare plants, seedlings or rooted cuttings and will also save some pennies. We hope there will be some good gardening weather before then! It would be appreciated if plants were labelled, however casually. We do not expect full Latin names!

Road repairs and ditching have damaged our grass verges in several places but we hope to see daffodils and snowdrops pushing through again soon. Commiserations to all who have suffered colds and flu; we could do with some Spring flowers to cheer us up.

NAN HARRIS (338039)

THE WAY WE WERE Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood

In the last issue, extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley were given for November 1845. The next volumes are missing and they start again in January 1847. This month, I list the names of various inhabitants of Deddington whose names and occupations have appeared in the diaries.

There were various members of the Churchill family, including Henry Churchill, John Churchill who was the District Coroner and 'Grocer' Churchill. Farmers included Messrs. Stilgoe, Gardner of Clifton, Whetton, French, Austin, Dean, Gibbard and Lovell of Hempton. There was a Mr. Keene, who lived in 'the new house in our street' (New Street, or perhaps High Street - does anyone know which this was?) Mr. Hatton was the landlord of the Kings Arms and Mr. Sturch of the Unicorn; Mr. Turner the Doctor and Surgeon; Mr. Samuel Field, Solicitor; Spiers the Clerk; Calcutt was Postmaster and Hiron were Printers. The Schoolmaster was Mr. Clarke; Jos. Gibbs the Watchmaker; Franklins Builders; Hopcraft Stonemason; Gardner the Thatcher; Davis Painter, and Heritage and John Busby (I think) were Carpenters. Bygrave and W. French were Shoemakers; Boyles Blacksmith and Farrier; Knibbs the Saddler; Gibbs the Molecatcher; Margetts the Grocer and 'Butcher' Dean.

This is by no means a full list but just a few of the names I noted down whilst reading. I hope they mean something to some of you.

HELP PLEASE !!!

On page 14 you'll find up-dated details of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton's **Good Neighbour Group** and local **Helplines**. Next month we'll be printing the up-dated list of **DEDDINGTON CONTACTS**, last published in the November DN. If you know of any changes please notify Diary Editor **Jean Flux on 338153**. Thanks



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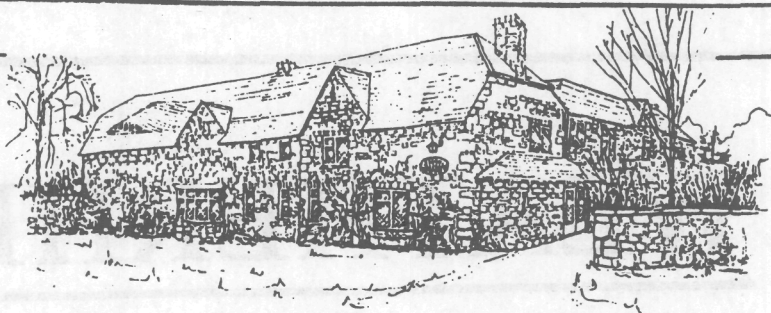
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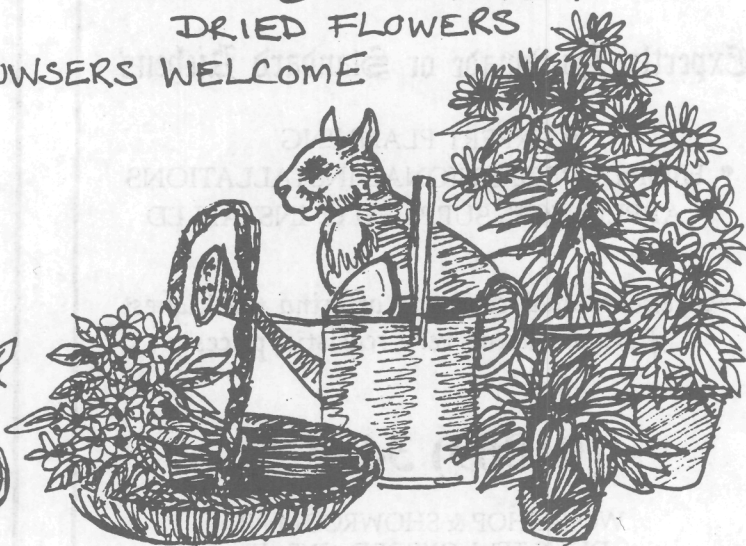
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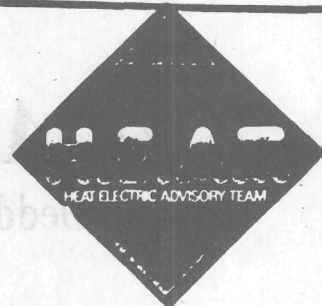
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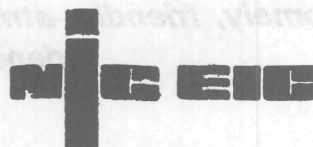
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Recruiting : Following the leaflet drop round the village, we had 3 enquiries, one of which has gone on to fill in an application form which will be processed post haste. Please, we still need more! As of now, we have only 5 personnel on the run, which makes it nearly impossible to maintain a full crew. The pressure this puts on us to try to remain in the area is tremendous and of course it affects our families as well. Tribute must be paid to them for their understanding.

Annual Dinner and Dance : On Friday 16 February we held this event at the Crown and Cushion, Chipping Norton. A very good time was had by all who attended. At the dinner, a presentation was made to Jonathan Haines who left us at the end of November having served with us for 18 years. We will miss his wit and sense of humour and we wish him well for the future.

ALBERT HUMPHRIES (338943)

BACK - A - KNEELER FOR DEDDINGTON CHURCH

(or a stitch-in-time...)

Little response so far to the item in February's DN appealing for help in applying much-needed TLC to some of the church's kneelers - and filling in some gaps. Practical, or financial, assistance would be much appreciated for this rewarding project. A meeting is planned for those interested. More information from Rev. Ken Reeves (338834) or Stella Marmion (338834).

HOBBIES Unlimited It's amazing what some people get up to in their spare time - in the way of hobbies, that is. The editorial team had some interesting contributions to make but we thought we'd like to hear from readers first. Let us know your unusual hobby and how you came by it.

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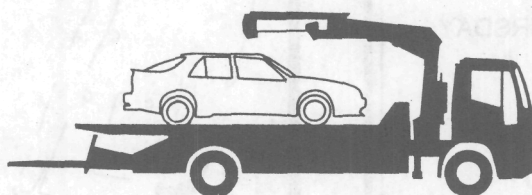
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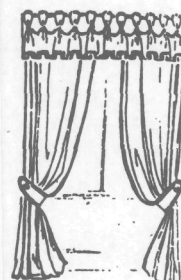
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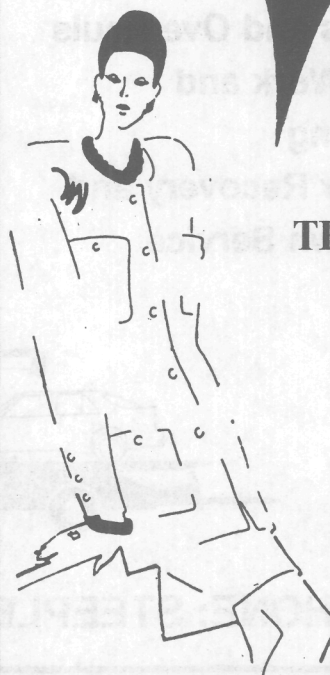
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